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FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES STATEMENT ISSUED OCTOBER 24 RE CUBA
BY HOUSE LEADER HERRIDGE ON BEHALF NDP:

NDP HAS ALWAYS OPPOSED UNILATERAL ACTION BY ANY POWER.
WE THEREFORE REGRET SOVIET ACTION RE MISSILE BASES IN CUBA
AND ARE CRITICAL AND UNHAPPY USG DECIDED ON COURSE OF ACTION
WHICH COULD EASILY LEAD TO MOST SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WITHOUT
FIRST BRINGING QUESTION TO UNITED NATIONS. CLEAR FROM STATE-
MENTS PRIME MINISTER USG DID NOT CONSULT EVEN ITS NATO ALLIES
BUT MERELY INFORMED THEM. OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES SHOULD PRO-
TEST SUCH "CAVALIER" TREATMENT ALLIED AND UNITED NATIONS.

CUBAN SITUATION UNDERLINES CORRECTNESS NDP IN OPPOSING
SPREAD NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

ABUNDANTLY CLEAR SECURITY CUBA HARMED BY INSTALLATION NUCLEAR BASES
AND THREATS TO PEACE IMMENSELY INCREASED. THIS PRECISELY
RESULT NDP HAS FORESEEN WOULD INEVITABLY FOLLOW SPREAD
NUCLEAR WEAPONS. INSTALLATION SOVIET BASES IN CUBA HAS
HIGH-LIGHTED FACT THERE ARE AMERICAN BASES AND THOSE OF OTHER
NATIONS IN MANY LANDS ACROSS WORLD-BASES WHICH CONSIDERED
EVER PRESENT THREAT BY OTHERS.

WE URGE PRESENT CRISIS BE USED BY ALL NATIONS, INCLUDING
TWO GIANTS, TACKLE WHOLE PROBLEM MILITARY BASES AND parti-
CULARLY NUCLEAR ONES AND SEEK POLICY GRADUAL DISMANTLING SUCH
BASES EVERYWHERE AS ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS DISARMAMENT.

CUBAN CRISIS HAS TAKEN OFF FRONT PAGES NEWSPAPERS FIGHTING
ON INDIAN-CHINESE BORDER. THIS ANOTHER EXAMPLE UNILATERAL

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ACTION BY NATION-COMMUNIST CHINA--AGAINST NEIGHBOR. IT NOT POSSIBLE TAKE USUAL STEPS IN UN TO CONDEMN ACTION CHINA AND DEMAND SECESSION HOSTILITIES BECAUSE COMMUNIST CHINA NOT MEMBER UNITED NATIONS.

MY MAJOR PURPOSE TODAY IS MAKE POSITIVE PROPOSAL. WE URGE GOVERNMENT ACT ON PROPOSAL WITHOUT DELAY.

CANADA SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SEEK SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION AT UNSC AND IF NECESSARY LATER AT UNGA THAT WOULD LOOK FOR REMOVAL IMMEDIATE PEACE THREAT IN CARIBBEAN SO TIME BE BOUGHT FOR NECESSARY NEGOTIATION. SUCH RESOLUTION SHOULD PROPOSE USSR AND US IMMEDIATELY AND SIMULTANEOUSLY TURN SOVIET SHIPS AWAY FROM DIRECTION CUBA AND REMOVE US BLOCKADE. IF THAT ACCEPTABLE MIGHT BE NECESSARY FOR SHIPS OTHER COUNTRIES POLICE SHIPPING LANES.

RESOLUTION SHOULD RECOGNIZE IN STRONGEST TERMS INTEGRITY CUBA AND SEEK REMOVE CUBAN FEARS.

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